

THE BALL'OT BURNERS.

William Warner's Usurpation of Office.

Judge Sheffield Gives the Facts Connected with the Outrage Perpetrated in 1868 - Why the Ballots Were Burned.

The democratic ballots which showed the defeat of R. T. Van Horn for congress and of Wm. Warner for circuit attorney in 1868 were burned at the same burning by "Count" Rodman, secretary of state, who thereupon issued certificates giving the office of congressman to Van Horn and of circuit attorney to Warner. Van Horn is now editor of the Kansas City Journal, and recently undertook to deny that Rodman burned the democratic ballots which constituted a majority against the republican ticket, but Judge Wm. E. Sheffield of Springfield, who was "burned out" of the circuit attorneyship by Rodman, gives the following historical account of what he properly designates "one of the greatest outrages upon free government the world has ever witnessed."

The writer of the above named editorial says: "If there is anybody that knows about these matters referred to we do." Exactly so; no one so acquainted with the history of the disfranchisement of democrats and the high-handed operations of the Fletcher-Rodman regime will question it for a moment. R. T. Van Horn, the editor then as now of the Kansas City Journal, was one of the chief beneficiaries of those infamous proceedings, and if there was any sense of decency about him a blush of shame would mantle his cheek when he recalls his part in those outrageous proceedings. Bill Warner was simply an incidental beneficiary. Van Horn in 1868 was the radical candidate for congress; the late General James H. Shields was the democratic candidate. To elect Van Horn it was necessary to keep up the systematic disfranchisement of democrats which had been carried on previous to the radical rule of Missouri. An honest republican, who had been before and now is a democrat, Captain Tom Phelan, had been appointed registering officer in Jackson county. Van Horn and his co-workers at once commenced operation on Captain Phelan to induce him to continue the disfranchisement of democrats.

ATTEMPT TO BRIBE.

They offered the supervisor of registration \$5,000 if he would disfranchise enough democrats to keep Jackson county still reliably republican. Captain Phelan, like an honest man, spurned the offer and performed his duty faithfully by making an honest registration, which gave the democrats about 2,000 majority in the county. An honest registration was also made in Platte county, which was then in the Sixth congressional district with Jackson. The result after the election was a majority of several thousand for General Shields. The disfranchisement scheme by the registering officer having failed, it became necessary, in order to send Van Horn to congress, to take other measures. So when the returns from Platte and Jackson counties were received at the office of secretary of state, Mr. Rodman, as the most effective means of wiping out General Shields' majority and putting the returns out of the reach of legal process, burned them, and upon the strength of the meagre majority from the rest of the district issued a certificate of election to Van Horn, and he, by virtue of such proceedings, represented the Sixth district in the Forty-first congress, instead of General Shields, who had been legally elected by several thousand majority; so who will question but that the editor of the Journal "knew about these matters?"

But Colonel Van Horn is very much mistaken when he says "the returns of Jackson county were not burned." He says of Francis Rodman that a more honest, honorable man, a more conscientious official never held the office of Secretary of State of Missouri. That being so, why does Colonel Van Horn deny the statement of Rodman, made under oath, when he testified in the case of State of Missouri ex rel. Wm. Wood vs. C. P. Townsley on quo warranto proceedings to oust Townsley from office held under this same Fletcher-Rodman operation, that the returns were burned and never canvassed. I have a copy of his testimony now, and it was given, after Rodman had left the State, by depositions taken at Chicago, Ill. Colonel Van Horn is equally at fault when he says that the returns by which he, Townsley and Warner were declared elected, with the returns from Jackson and Platte counties, were ever before the Legislature, as they had been burned before the Legislature was in session, and

the Legislature had no more to do with those returns than the Parliament of England.

WARNER'S USURPATION.

But Colonel Van Horn says Warner was legally elected circuit attorney. The supreme court judges by a unanimous opinion, under their oaths of office, in the case before referred to, say he was never legally elected and held the office four years not only without the right to do so, but in direct violation of law. Whose opinion is of most value?

Again, Tom Fletcher, upon the same vote which was destroyed by Rodman by Fletcher's order, commissioned Charles Dougherty, a democrat, as sheriff of Jackson county, and no votes were destroyed or ignored or declared fraudulent, as stated by Col. Van Horn, in order to seat the members of the legislature elected at the same election, but they were seated upon certificates based upon the entire vote of the county as certified by the county clerk, Ezra R. Hickman. Colonel Van Horn says that he (Rodman) refused to give anybody a certificate of election when the vote of Jackson county was a factor till the legislature decided the question of its legality, and then issued certificates in accordance with that decision. How true this statement is may be determined by the records. First, the legislature had nothing to do with the decision in regard to the legality of either Van Horn's, Townsley's or Warner's election. Next, the certificates were issued to Townsley and Warner before the legislature was convened, and because Rodman had issued such certificates of election Judge Warner said it was too late to issue a mandamus to compel him to count the votes from Jackson county. Col. Van Horn says they—referring to Senator Vest and Gov. Crittenden—will find some at least, who had knowledge and who have memories and can make it just as hot as they will want to stand. Fortunately, the facts above recited are matters of record and do not depend upon the recollection of Van Horn and Warner for substantiation, and they were the parties who were the beneficiaries of "the greatest outrage upon free government the world has ever witnessed, and they may yet find it can be made as hot as they want to stand."

A MOTHER'S MISTAKE.

Mothers frequently make a mistake in neglecting the cough of a child. A Fort Wayne, Ind., lady writes: My little daughter, 6 years old, had a severe cough, but as it was nothing unusual, I thought nothing of it, and a lowed it to run on for four or five weeks, when it became so obstinate she began losing flesh. I called in a physician who treated her three weeks without benefit. A neighbor insisted on my trying Ballard's Horehound Syrup; it relieved her from the first dose and she began gaining flesh rapidly, when she had used two bottles her cough had entirely disappeared. I would not be without it. It does not constipate my children. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is free from opiates. It is the most soothing Throat and Lung medicine in the world. Price, 50c and \$1.00. For sale by Oysterstreet, the Druggist.

—Yesterday two small boys were passing down Ohio street. One of them was from Texas, and the other one lived in Sedalia. Both were accompanied by their mothers. The Sedalia kid, inspired by the occasion, hurrahed for Warner. The Texas kid instantly yelled out at the top of his wee voice: "Hurrah for Hogg!"—the democratic nominee for governor of Texas. The incident created much merriment.

Skewered and Cured.

"First I was skewered and then I was cured," says Jones, and he laughs heartily over his little joke. Well, let him laugh. Let laugh who wins. He was skewered through and through by dyspepsia and its attending train of ills. He was cured by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Do you feel dull, languid, low-spirited, experience a sense of fullness or bloating after eating, tongue coated, bitter taste in the mouth, irregular appetite, dizziness, frequent headaches, nervous prostration or exhaustion, hot flashes alternating with chilly sensations, sharp biting transit pains here and there, cold feet, drowsiness after meals, wakefulness or disturbed and unrefreshing sleep, constant and indiscreet dread of pending calamity. These are symptoms of Biliousness, Dyspepsia, or Torpid Liver, associated with Dyspepsia or Indigestion. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will subdue the cause if taken according to directions, for a reasonable length of time, or money paid for it will be cheerfully refunded.

—Hon. R. G. Horr, of Michigan, who spoke at the court house square last night, announced to the audience that he was "in the chin music business."

SLEEPING ON A FORTUNE.

Inventors, if you are sleeping on a fortune apparently unaware of its existence "wake up" and claim your rights. Having twenty-five years of successful experience, I offer you my services in securing you a patent. Write or call and see me. J. H. BARLEY, Patent Att'y, Residence 711 West Fifth street, Sedalia, Mo. 1-21dwd1

CONGRESSIONAL.

The Republicans of the Seventh District Meet in Sedalia to Nominate a Candidate.

The republican congressional convention of this the seventh district, was called to order at eleven o'clock this morning, at the criminal court room by chairman P. H. Sangree, of Sedalia.

Major J. B. Upton, of Polk county, and S. H. Elkins, postmaster at Columbia were put in nomination for temporary chairman. The latter gentleman declined to serve, and Major Upton was elected to that position. Upton taking the chair he made a brief address acknowledging the honor and suggesting that the best possible man be selected to make the race against Hon. John T. Heard.

Professor Doyle, of Ash Grove, Greene county, was elected temporary secretary.

Saline, Pettis, Polk and Greene counties were the only ones represented, Howard, Hickory and Benton being unrepresented.

Mr. Sangree desired to have the convention adjourn until to-morrow morning in order that the absent delegates might have time to arrive and take part in the proceedings, but this was strongly opposed by the 17 Greene county delegates, and others. A long, hot wrangle ensued, and Mr. Sangree's motion was voted down.

The following gentlemen were appointed a committee on permanent organization, order of business and credentials: E. A. Remley, Boone; J. W. Blair, Saline; P. H. Sangree, Pettis; Samuel McEachern, Polk; and G. A. Ramsey, Greene.

The convention met at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, pursuant to adjournment, but took a recess until 8 o'clock this evening.

The following is a list of the delegates present:

Pettis county—P. H. Sangree, James O'Brien, John Baker, George Dockman, Cord Lugen, G. Tom Ireland, (colored) Sam Hasting, D. H. Norris, C. W. Leabo, John O'Bannon.

Saline county—J. J. Smith, J. W. Blair, L. C. Shackelford, M. C. Chaffee, Jr., Henry Smith, (colored) Boone county—S. H. Elkins, E. A. Remley, W. W. Conger.

Polk county—A. P. Mitchell, J. B. Upton, B. F. Leonard, Sam McEachern, J. W. Paine, W. S. Olor. Greene county—W. W. Langston, A. L. Arnold, H. F. Williams, A. O. Mack, Thomas Gideon, G. A. Ramsey, A. W. Lincoln, I. N. Hestain, I. A. Frink, W. N. Doyle.

PETTICOAT CAMPAIGNER.

She Belonged to the Kansas City Warner Club, and Sang Songs in the Bazoos Sanctum.

She was 43 years old July 27th, 1892, the same day the republicans had their rally. She came from Kansas City with a Warner badge pinned conspicuously and accompanied the club on the special train. The woman invaded the BAZOO office about three o'clock p. m. the thermometre playing around the top part of the stem.

She didn't perspire a drop and her tongue ran like an electric motor when the wheels slip.

The old girl is in the business of composing republican campaign songs and she sang one in the office, and then "winked her other eye."

She accompanied the Kansas City delegation to the Minneapolis convention and while en route wrote a campaign song about Blaine.

"The republicans made a great mistake that they did not nominate Blaine," she said as she brought down her No. 3 shoe that made the dust fly from the cracks of the pine floor.

"I'm a curiosity, a what is it, a sort of a spasmodic bard, a poet on wheels; I breathe song, dream rhyme and get inspiration in noodle soup. I do," and she went on until the office boy commenced to froth at the mouth, showing that dissolution was near.

She let up and the boy recovered. A song was laid on the desk of the reporter entitled, "The Star-spangled banner, the bride."

"I'm the author of that and it will put a \$10 smile on a wooden leg in front of a cigar store if he could hear it," she said, as she winked both eyes. It was suggested to her that the title of the piece should be "The Star-spangled bride."

The old girl remonstrated and said, "the measure would be bad."

"Such songs don't need 'measure,'" suggested the reporter.

She then said she had a song about

John A. Logan, and by the permission of the author one stanza is given:

"They laid him in the greenwood,
His body in repose,
The flag he loved above him,
The lily and the rose."

"Repose" and "rose" is a beautiful rhyme we added in sotto voice.

She then in a low melodious voice, sort of a cross between a splinter on a nail and a fog horn, gave a song about Warner, "Stand up for Missouri," "freeing niggers," "roses blossoming on the hill side" and so on.

The flies ceased to crawl while she was singing and a dray horse passing the office just at that time refused to pull his load, the first time within the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

And the old girl was from Kansas City.

She was loaded for bar—and with poetry.

Another stanza of another song:

"Rich emigration stimulate,
Development will work create,
So dig for wealth and plow the plain
That proud and happy homes we'll gain.
Pioneers! stand out our state rest;
Dusted 'the wild and woolly west'
Missouri state with its happy climate
And Governor! Chord sublime."

CHORUS:—Ta-ra-ra, Bom-de-ay,
Ta-ra-ra, Bom-de-ay,
Ta-ra-ra, Bom-de-ay,
Ta-ra-ra, Bom-de-ay."

She performed the above to an admiring audience of the office boy and a reporter who had gone to sleep and dreaming where he would get more kiver at his next winter's boarding house.

The old girl noticed that her effusions were not appreciated, she nervously came to a perpendicular, shook out her skirts and eyes flashing fire, the Kansas City "specimen" strode out into the boiling sun to call on the Rev. J. W. Kelly of the Sentinel, who is hunting new ideas for his journalistic venture.

The following from a Kansas City paper means her:

"STRAYED: Our female, white strip in the face, chestnut sorrel mane small foot, stringhalted and when still stands square on her posture joints, given to writing Bill Warner poetry and loves flowers; has had two husbands; both are hiding out for fear that they will be committed to listen to her poetry. Any information leading to her identity to the end that the city can be fenced against her, will be thankfully received by Will Cowherd, mayor."

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

CHEAP HOMES FOR MILLIONS.

In order to meet the constantly growing demands which come from every quarter of the world, east and west, for reduced rates, to enable the farmer, the emigrant and the capitalist to visit the Southwest, and particularly Texas, the

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Official World's Fair Guide.

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The guide does not only describe to the minutest detail everything of inestimable value pertaining to the Exposition and Chicago, but has a full page picture of each of the mammoth exhibit buildings in eight oil colors. Also many others, illustrating artistically the useful, the curious, and the beautiful that will be there in magnificent display.

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It is a book for the millions who contemplate visiting Chicago in 1893. It will be purchased by the millions who cannot go, but will desire to know just what their friends are seeing. The price of the book adapts it to the wants of the masses.

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THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE Of the Democratic Party Met in St. Louis Yesterday.

There was a grand gathering of Missouri democratic leaders yesterday at the La-lle Hotel, St. Louis, consequent upon the calling together of the state committee for the purpose of organizing. Every section of the state was represented by one or more prominent democrats, numbering in the aggregate some 200, and each and every one of them came with one common purpose to aid by counsel and advice in making democratic Missouri still more democratic, and secure for the present nominees unprecedented majorities.

Among those present who were not members of the committee were: Colonel Wm. J. Stone, nominee for Governor, who arrived on an early morning train, accompanied by Major Harvey Salmon of Clinton; Governor D. R. Fraucis and his private secretary, Mr. Clint Tillery; Attorney General John Wood and Mr. R. Frank Walker, who is to succeed him in office January 1; ex-Governor Thomas T. Crittenden of Kansas City; late Labor Commissioner W. C. Hall; Secretary of State A. A. Leasure and State Auditor Seibert, both of whom were nominated by acclamation to succeed themselves; Colonel J. L. Pace, a stalwart Democrat of Butler county; Ex-Congressman M. L. Clardy of Farmington, Hon. J. H. Fins of Salisbury, formerly treasurer of the State Committee; Colonel W. H. Phelps of Carthage and numerous others.

The committee were all on hand except Mayor Noonan, who was represented by his private secretary, James W. Brennan. The committee was called to meet at 10 o'clock but it was 11 o'clock before they were summoned together in the reading-room of the hotel. The morning hours were passed in campaign discussions, introductions and story-telling in the rotunda of the hotel, and not a little electioneering was done by members of the various delegations present towns in the State in trying to secure for their respective place the opening meeting of the campaign. Sedalia and Hannibal had each a number of workers, who lost no opportunity to impress their claims upon members of the committee. Mr. John Knott of the Hannibal Courier led the delegation from that city and W. D. Steele that of Sedalia. St. Louis has also sought this honor ever since the adjournment of the convention, and her interest was well looked after by Marcus Bernheimer, Samuel J. Kennard, City Counsellor Marshall, Adiel Sherwood, Samuel J. Kennard, Maj. C. C. Rainwater, Frank Gaiennie, J. C. Wilkinson, W. J. Hanley, and several other prominent members of the St. Louis Business Men's Club. They had a conference with Colonel Stone and extended to him and the other state candidates a cordial invitation to name a date when they could be in the city to participate in a ratification meeting. Final action was deferred on the matter until the committee has time to block out a plan of campaign.

When the committee met at 11 o'clock John H. Carroll, member of the First district, was made temporary chairman and Sam B. Cook, member of the Ninth district, was made temporary secretary. They remained in session but a short time when an adjournment was taken to 2 o'clock in order that Colonel Stone and some of the more prominent members of the committee might have an opportunity to confer as to the organization of the committee. The general sentiment of the committee favored the plan of allowing Colonel Stone to have the management of the campaign, and consequently the naming of the executive branch of the committee. Mr. J. Salmon and Mr. C. C. Maffitt were suggested as the two men to fill the chairmanships of the committee, but there was a divergence of views as to which chairmanship the gentlemen should be assigned.

On the reassembling of the committee Col. Stone appeared before the body in executive session and freely stated his desires as to the organization. He retired immediately and the committee proceeded to perfect its permanent organization by electing C. C. Maffitt chairman of the campaign committee and Maj. Harvey Salmon chairman of the executive committee. On motion of John H. Carroll, seconded by T. J. Delaney, it was ordered that the chairman of the executive committee should be empowered to select his own committee, to consist of six members, will full power to carry on the campaign as they deemed proper. Formerly this committee was selected by the chairman of the campaign committee and its powers were limited. As now arranged Major Salmon will virtually have the directing of the campaign.

There were several candidates for secretary outside of the committee, as heretofore they were so selected, but on the request of Colonel Stone, Sam

B. Cook, editor of the Mexico Intelligencer and member of the committee from the Ninth district, was made permanent secretary. Thomas Connor of the Fifteenth district, a banker of Joplin, Mo., was made treasurer. This completed the permanent organization.

On motion the committee extended a vote of thanks to Hon. Richard Dalton for his promptness in offering to take the stump for the ticket. He will be assigned an important part in the campaign.

On motion the committee adjourned to meet again on next Monday at 10 o'clock at the La-lle Hotel, when all candidates for state office, and congress are expected to be present. Headquarters will be formally opened here next Monday and active work commenced in arranging a thorough state campaign.

ALTA BEARD LOCATED.

Goes to Kansas City and Obtains Employment in a Restaurant There.

Miss Alta Beard, the 16-year-old daughter of Albert Beard, a well-to-do farmer living near Hughesville, Pettis county, who left her home on the night of July 20 without leaving any information as to where she was going, has been located in Kansas City.

Wednesday, July 20, Mrs. E. E. Barnes, living at No. 2313 East Fifteenth street, received a letter from Miss Beard in which the writer asked her to "meet Miss Alta Beard at the Union depot Thursday morning upon the arrival of the train from Sedalia." Mrs. Barnes was at the depot at the appointed time and meeting the young lady took her home with her. She told Mrs. Barnes that she was going to visit her for a short time, and as she had only a small amount of wearing apparel wrapped up in a newspaper, Mrs. Barnes had not the slightest idea that Miss Beard had run away from home.

After a few days Miss Alta informed Mrs. Barnes that she was not going to Hughesville, as she had made up her mind not to go home again. She then said that her parents did not know that she had left home, nor was she going to let them know where she was. When asked why she had left home, she said that her mother was very unkind to her, and upon the slightest provocation would beat her, and that she had done so when others were present.

The first information that the police had in regard to the girl's disappearance was the account that was published in Tuesday's Journal, and yesterday Lieutenant Anearm located Miss Beard at a restaurant owned by a Mrs. Crouch, at No. 2315 East Fifteenth street, where she obtained employment on last Sunday. When she read the account in the Journal she determined to leave, and gave Mrs. Crouch notice to that effect, and when the officers arrived she was nowhere to be found. The matter was placed in the hands of Humane Officer Murran, who went to the restaurant, where he was informed that John Ward a brother of Miss Barnes, had gone to the Union depot with Miss Beard to see her safely off to Sedalia, which is only twelve miles from Hughesville.

Mrs. Barnes said that she did not know whether Miss Beard had gone to Sedalia or not. She further said Miss Beard had answered advertisements in papers to see whether she could not get more agreeable work than that which she had been doing. "I was away" continued Mrs. Barnes "all day yesterday, and I do not know whether she obtained a situation or not. All I do know is that Alta came to the house where I was visiting and said that she would like to get into the house, as she wanted to get some of her clothes. My brother accompanied her to my house and she took a few of her belongings and then he left her and went to his home on Eighteenth street and Alta went in an opposite direction. This is all I know about it, but I hardly think that she has gone out of the city, as she has left a part of her wardrobe here at my house."

Asked if the young lady had money enough to take care of herself, Mrs. Barnes said that she had \$5 or \$6.

A Bazoos reporter was told this morning that Miss Beard walked from her home to Dreden, last week, and there met her "feller," a coal miner nicknamed "Shorty," who likely planned her escape and furnished her with money to get to Kansas City.

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